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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 17, 2005, attorney for applicant elects species 16 (figures 40-44). Pending claims 1-45 are believed to read on this species.

Responses to Restriction Requirements in related patent application Serial Nos. 10/680,732 and 10/680,716 are also being made in separate responses transmitted by fax today. Further, additional related applications, also filed on October 6, 2003 are:

10/680,071;

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